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JOHN was a Sailor's son, so he was where the ships are, and heard men curse and swear, for they forget God hears them; and that when they die they must tell God why they did not mind what he says in the Bible—' *Thou shalt not swear.*' John soon learned to swear too, and did not think about God. O, how bad that was.



Because John did not love, or fear God, he played with a hoop when his mother thought he was at school, and then told a lie about it. A good boy, with his Bible under his arm, met him, and told him what is in the Bible, about the wicked not going to heaven when they die; but John did not care about the Bible:



So one Sunday he went in a boat, though a man on the shore told him to go to Sunday School, and learn to read the Bible; and know that God says, ‘*Keep holy the Sabbath day.*’ John fell into the river; but God in mercy let him live to turn from sin; he was like to die from being long wet, and his mother sat down and cried.



A lady came to see him. He said, 'O, how wicked I have been.' 'Yes, very wicked indeed,' the lady said. 'But if you are sorry for that, and wish to be good, ask God to wash your soul, and make it clean from sin; and then you will love Jesus Christ, who died for sinners, and for His sake God will forgive you.' John did pray, and God heard him



The ship John's father was in was cast away, and he was left alone upon a rock; then he remembered what he had heard the good Mr. Eastburn say to sailors, about their souls; and he thought, if I die I shall not get into the port of heaven, for I had not Jesus at the helm. He prayed to God to let him float on the tide of life longer, that he might seek Jesus.



God heard him, and a ship took him off the rock. He read the Bible on his way home. John got well, and he and his father and mother went to worship God in the Mariner's Church, and quit all evil ways, and read the Bible, to know what they must do to be saved: and Jesus was like an anchor to hold their souls steady in the storms of life; so God promised them they should sail into the harbour of Heaven.



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